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ECOS Release Notes 4.3

Release 4.3 closed out over 20 issues that were either submitted to the ECOS Help Desk or were uncovered through our daily monitoring of Production. A few of the more visible corrections you may encounter in your ECOS experience are highlighted below.

Enhancements:

RA Commodities Available Report: This new report will be located within the Commodity File section of the Reports menu. The report will be available to both State Agencies, as well as Recipients. The report will show all active commodities and their pertinent information. The data on the report will reflect the information that is viewable on the ECOS catalogs.

Requisition By PCIMS & Delivery Order Inquiry: The report selection screens for these reports include the addition of the Delivery (PCIMS) Order Number. Due to several requests received by the ECOS Help Desk, the report can now be requested for a single Delivery Order.

<u>Delivery Order Status Report</u>: At the Receiver Organization level, this report selection screen includes the addition of 'Delivery Year' to allow the option of selecting a Delivery Year for the requested criteria.

<u>Export Order</u>: With this release, Receiving Organizations, as well as State Agencies can request Delivery Order export files based on the orders' last USDA update that was performed. This will include updates that affect quantities, delivery periods, and status codes. ECOS processes such as Delivery Order receipt are not stored as USDA updates and thus will not be usable date validations.

<u>Receiver Organization User Manual</u>: This user manual is now available to view at the State Agency access level. Just click the training link and select this manual to view.

<u>ECOS Partial Load Bulletin Board</u>: Previously, only ECOS users with the role of Organization Administrator could view the Bulletin Board entries at the Receiving Organization level. With this release, all registered users can see these postings for their possible partial loads.

<u>Receiving Organization Catalog</u>: In an attempt to help clarify commodities available for Schools and Institutions from those for the Household programs, the 'Available Program' column has been added to the Catalog pages.